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1. On 17 January 1951, a new barracks installation was under construction in Susice (N 50/Q 28). It was located about 1 km east-southeast of the town, on the south side of the road to Albrechtice (N 50/Q 28). The billeting area, of about 600 x 300 meters, was eventually to contain eight low brick barracks, each about 150 meters long, and two very long garages. Construction work there had been started in early July 1950 and was to be completed by May 1951. Besides 45 civilian workmen, more than 150 soldiers from Kosice (N 49/E 34), Bratislava (P 49/X 99) and from the 7th Inf Regt in Senica (P 49/T 50) were employed for the construction work, which was inspected regularly by General Lonsky, (fmu), and a high-ranking Soviet officer. In mid-January 1951, about one-fourth of the buildings of the installation were completed and occupied by young soldiers of a motorized unit. *
2. The old cantonment on the southeastern perimeter of Susice was occupied by an infantry unit, which included a military band. Other troop quarters in Susice were the high school, the monastery and the Beseda Hotel. Weapons were stored in the brewery. The total number of troops stationed in the town was estimated at several thousand. **

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Comment. The present report confirms previous information by a deserter of the 7th Inf Regt who also participated in the construction of the barracks installation in Susice. General Lonsky, (fmu), is the commanding general of the 2nd Inf Div, which is thus confirmed in Susice until January 1951.

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Comment. The arrival of numerous soldiers in Susice who were quartered in municipal buildings was reported previously. It is believed that the troops at the post belonged to the 2nd Inf Div, which has been substantially reinforced recently. The present report, mentioning the presence of motorized troops in Susice, and another report stating that the 23d Inf Regt of the 2nd Inf Div was allegedly in the process of being motorized, indicate that the 2nd Inf Div may have been reorganized into a motorized infantry division.

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